

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as indicated by replacing each respective paragraph currently of record in the specification with the corresponding paragraph as follows:

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following replacement paragraph.

[0015] In addition to apparatuses for magnetic resonance imaging described above, U. S. Patent No. 5,008,624, issued to Yoshida on April 16, 1991 (the "Yoshida patent"), ~~and~~ discloses a magnet having a pair of super conductor blocks one facing each other placed at two ends of a metallic U-shaped frame. Yoshida's magnet further includes a patient carrier in the form of a chair equipped with a lifting mechanism and a reclining mechanism. Yoshida further discloses that by rotating the U-Shaped frame of the magnet or by lifting up and down the patient carrier with lifting mechanism, various relative orientations of the main magnet and the patient carrier are realizable.

Please replace the ABSTRACT with the following:

An apparatus and method for magnetic resonance imaging comprising a magnet and means for moving the magnet so as to obtain an image of a portion of a patient's anatomy. In a preferred embodiment, the magnet is moved in a substantially vertical direction so that the magnet's gap envelops a portion of the patient's anatomy. The moving means may comprise one or more motors that are connected to one or more jacks for lowering or raising the magnet.